

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 732

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mary E. Smith for her honorable service to the people of Tennessee on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those individuals who have devoted their lives to public service and improving the lives of the people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mary E. Smith is one such notable person who has provided devoted and exemplary service to the citizens of Tennessee throughout her long career of public service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith began her career on April 1, 1943, in the Department of Public Welfare and continued her state service in other agencies, including the Office of the Comptroller; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 1956, Mary Smith became the personal secretary to Governor Frank G. Clement and continued in service as the personal secretary to Governor Buford Ellington; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, during her tenure in the Governor's office, Ms. Smith played a pivotal role in Tennessee's international extradition of James Earl Ray from Great Britain; and

WHEREAS, following the completion of Governor Ellington's second term of office in January of 1971, Mary Smith was selected to lead the Old Age and Survivors Insurance Agency in the Treasury Department, in which position she was responsible for administering the Social Security and Medicare coverage program for state and local government employers throughout the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith is an active member of her profession, having long served the National Association of State Social Security Administrators in furthering its goal of promoting

the economic security of the nation's people, and she has won the respect and admiration of her peers around the country; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith is an active part of her community, participating in various worthy organizations, including the Board of the Frank G. Clement Memorial Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in the workplace, those who know Mary Smith best describe her as a person of unparalleled loyalty, knowledge, and integrity, who consistently took the time to welcome new employees and to encourage them to develop their full potential; and

WHEREAS, throughout her esteemed career, Mary Smith has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and dedication, winning the sincere respect and admiration of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith has retired with honor and distinction from the State of Tennessee Treasury Department as Director of the Old Age and Survivors Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, with sixty-five years of service, Ms. Smith has the longest period of state employment in Tennessee history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mary Smith for her many valuable contributions to the State of Tennessee as a devoted public servant and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.